

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Fred Thomas, on April 8, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Fred Thomas, Chair (R)
Sen. David Howard, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Mary Caferro (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 245, 4/1/2015

Executive Action: HB 479 - BE CONCURRED IN

00:00:03 Chairman Thomas

00:01:22 Recess

00:06:08 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 479

00:06:16 Chairman Thomas

00:06:48 **Motion:** Sen. Howard moved that **HB 479 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:07:03 Sen. Sands

00:07:48 Sen. Windy Boy

00:08:39 Alexis Sandru, staff attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:09:27 Sen. Windy Boy

00:10:02 Sen. Howard

00:10:31 Sen. Swandal

00:11:28 Sen. Sands

00:12:19 Sen. Swandal

00:12:48 Sen. Sands

00:13:18 Sen. Windy Boy

00:13:43 Ms. Sandru, LSD

00:14:02 Chairman Thomas

00:14:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Sands and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Caferro voted by proxy. Sen. Arntzen will carry the bill.

00:16:29 Recess

00:25:55 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 245

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:31 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 245, Revise laws related to raw milk.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:42 Tim Ravndal, representing himself

00:34:28 Chris Rosenau, HB 245 author

EXHIBIT(phs70a01)

00:48:06 Denise Rollick, representing herself

00:50:25 Kiril Sabo, representing himself

00:52:31 Jenny Sabo, representing herself
00:57:31 Rep. Greg Hertz, HD 12

Opponents' Testimony:

00:59:42 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Milk Producers Association
[EXHIBIT\(phs70a02\)](#)

01:08:58 Jerrold Weissman, vice chairman, Board of Milk Control
[EXHIBIT\(phs70a03\)](#)

01:15:19 Sen. Taylor Brown, SD 28
[EXHIBIT\(phs70a04\)](#)

01:19:44 Jim Murphy, bureau chief, Communicable Disease Control and Prevention
Bureau, Public Health and Safety Division, Department of Public Health and
Human Services (DPHHS)
[EXHIBIT\(phs70a05\)](#)

01:24:49 Jim Carlson, supervising sanitarian, representing Missoula City-County Health
Department and the Montana Environmental Health Association
[EXHIBIT\(phs70a06\)](#)

01:35:32 Chairman Thomas

01:36:10 Laura Ginsburg, co-owner, The Golden Yoke and Creamery (GYC)
[EXHIBIT\(phs70a07\)](#)

01:39:27 Steve Turkiewicz, president and chief executive officer, Montana Bankers
Association

01:40:19 Lonnie Olson, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

01:41:06 Shane Leep, dairy farmer, Leep Dairy Farms (LDF)

[EXHIBIT\(phs70a08\)](#)

01:45:13 Doug Kamerman, dairy farmer, Dairyland Farms (DLF)

01:47:06 Christian MacKay, executive officer, Department of Livestock (DOL)

01:49:39 Linda Stoll, representing Montana Environmental Health Association, Association
of Montana Public Health Officials, and the Montana Public Health Association
[EXHIBIT\(phs70a09\)](#)

01:52:04 Mark Meyer, Montana Milk Producers Association
[EXHIBIT\(phs70a10\)](#)

01:55:10 Jock Anderson, Meadow Gold Dairies

01:55:29 Dan Turcotte, bureau chief, Agricultural Services Bureau, Department of
Livestock

01:57:39 Stuart Doggett, executive director, Montana Veterinary Medical Association

Informational Testimony:

01:58:07 Chad Lee, bureau chief, Milk Control Bureau, Department of Livestock (DOL)
[EXHIBIT\(phs70a11\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:59:23	Sen. Windy Boy
01:59:57	Mr. Lee, DOL
02:00:23	Sen. Windy Boy
02:00:41	Mr. MacKay, DOL
02:01:02	Sen. Windy Boy
02:01:11	Sen. Howard
02:01:59	Ms. Rosenau, HB 245 author
02:04:53	Sen. Howard
02:05:13	Ms. Gingsburg, GYC
02:08:13	Sen. Howard
02:09:39	Mr. Kamerman, DLF
02:10:17	Sen. Howard
02:10:28	Mr. Kamerman
02:10:59	Sen. Howard
02:11:07	Chairman Thomas
02:11:47	Rep. Ballance
02:12:13	Chairman Thomas
02:12:32	Rep. Ballance
02:12:51	Chairman Thomas
02:13:32	Rep. Ballance
02:14:13	Chairman Thomas
02:14:23	Rep. Ballance
02:14:47	Chairman Thomas
02:15:03	Rep. Ballance
02:16:16	Chairman Thomas
02:17:05	Mr. Leep, LDF
02:17:35	Chairman Thomas
02:17:53	Sen. Sands
02:19:06	Rep. Ballance
02:21:26	Sen. Sands
02:21:56	Rep. Ballance
02:22:22	Sen. Sands
02:22:42	Rep. Ballance
02:23:35	Sen. Howard
02:23:55	Rep. Ballance
02:24:38	Sen. Howard
02:24:46	Rep. Ballance
02:25:40	Chairman Thomas
02:26:31	Rep. Ballance
02:29:28	Chairman Thomas
02:30:25	Ms. Rosenau
02:31:21	Chairman Thomas
02:31:40	Mr. MacKay

02:32:31 Chairman Thomas

02:32:44 Mr. MacKay

02:33:54 Chairman Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

02:34:04 Rep. Ballance

Committee Business:

02:36:05 Chairman Thomas

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:42 P.M.

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs70aad.pdf](#))